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COMMISSION

FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

1. I MET TODAY WITH AMB WALEED SADI OF JORDAN WHO WILL BE
SERVING AS HIS COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL AND IS A GREAT ADMIRER OF THE USA.
HE SHARES OUR FRUSTRATION AND CONCERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION, AND WILL WORK WITH US TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS
TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE.

2. THE ARAB AMBASSADORS MET YESTERDAY. THERE IS NO DOUBT
THAT AN INTENSE POLITICAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE REGARDING
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SYRIA WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE
AND EGYPT WILL NOT SEPARATE ITSELF FROM THE ARAB SPOKESMAN
ON THIS ISSUE ALTHOUGH THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH
ISRAEL WILL CAUSE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN TO BE MODERATE OR
SILENT. THE SYRIAN STRATEGY IS TO KEEP THE PALESTINIAN
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ITEM IN ITS PREMIERE POSITION ON THE HRC AGENDA. THERE
ARE MANY SPEECHES SCHEDULED LED BY ISRAEL IN THE COURSE OF ITS REBUTT
AL FOR
FAILURE TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED PALESTINIAN INDEPENDENCE WHEN
IT HAD CONTROL OF THE WEST BANK TERRITORIES. THE
JORDANIAN SPOKESMAN WILL SPEAK AS STRONGLY AS HE FEELS
COMPELLED TO ALTHOUGH HE INDICATES THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO

CONVINCE HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THIS REPETITIVE EXERCISE WAS TIME-WASTING AND UNPRODUCTIVE. HE EXPECTS THAT THE RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED WILL APPROXIMATE THAT SUPPORTED BY THE HRC LAST YEAR. HE SAYS THAT HE MADE THE ARGUMENT TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT MANY OF THE POINTS IN THE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO EVENTS THAT OCCURRED YEARS AGO BUT THERE WAS NO DISPOSITION BY ANY OF THEM TO CURTAIL THE RESOLUTION OR THE SUPPORTING DEBATE.

3. JORDAN WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE US INITIATIVE FOR A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. SADI BELIEVES THIS OFFICE COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF UN INVOLVEMENT IN THE TANGLED FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD A CANDIDATE IN MIND FOR THE POST. I TOLD HIM WE DID NOT. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRESSURES WILL COME FOR A THIRD WORLD CANDIDATE HE HOPED WE WOULD INSIST UPON A PERSON OF STRENGTH AND MORAL INTEGRITY, SOMEONE LIKE WILLY BRANDT.

4. HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK TO SHORTEN THE AGENDA BEFORE THE COMMISSION SO THAT HIS TIME COULD BE SPENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS. HE IS THE CANDIDATE FOR THE SUB-COMMISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT HIM AS WELL AS SUPPORT THE RE-ELECTION OF JORDAN TO THE COMMISSION ITSELF. HE AGREES THAT TORTURE SHOULD BE FOREMOST ON OUR AGENDA IN TERMS OF DEFINING THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE INVOKED TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AGAINST GOVERNMENTS. HE WILL ALSO WORK FOR MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS OF THE HRC. VANDEN HEUVEL

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